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FOR AND ABOUT THE PEOPLE OF BRYANT COLLEGE

JUNE/JULY 2000

“Look to your college years for inspiration...”

Gregorio Giacinto '00

Bryant's 137th Undergraduate Commencement on May 20 was a first — the first of the 21st century. For President Ron Machtley, it meant awarding degrees to 552 students — many of them the first students to arrive in 1996 when he became president of the college.

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Gift from alumnus launches campus expansion

Bryant College launched its major campus expansion project by breaking ground on May 18 for the \$17 million George E. Bello Center for Information and Technology. George Bello, Class of '58, initiated the project by making a commitment of \$5 million — the largest donation ever received by the institution.

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George Bello, a '58 graduate, has made the largest gift commitment in the college's history to create the George E. Bello Center for Information and Technology.

Commencement

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"I will remember you," he said. "We came together four year ago." He urged students to keep in touch.

Gregorio Giacinto gave the Senior Class Charge. "Look to your college years for inspiration and examples as you move on to your careers and your life," he said. "Whatever it takes, do not give up. Take time to make new friends as well as to continue the friendships you already have. You'll want friends and family to support

you when you are in need and to celebrate with you when you succeed."

David S. Wetherell, chairman and CEO of CMGI, a firm with a portfolio of more than 70 Internet companies including stakes in companies such as AltaVista, Lycos and iCAST, received a Doctor of Humane Letters and gave the undergraduate keynote address.

"No matter what business profession you choose, you will find yourself increasingly dependent upon the Internet for your success in one way or another," he said. "Whenever possible, harness the network effect in business dynamics and in your personal relationships."

Graduate Commencement

Dreary weather didn't dampen the spirits of those attending Graduate School Commencement exercises the previous afternoon, where 137 were awarded degrees.

Richard F. Syron, chairman, president, and CEO of Thermo Electron Corporation, a \$4 billion multi-industry company located in Waltham, Massachusetts, received an honorary Doctor of Business Administration degree and delivered the keynote address. He urged graduates to make choices that would make a difference.

"This is a wonderful time of your life," said Syron. "Choose your path wisely. Be adventurous. Make mistakes — but make them for the right reasons. Be ethical. And remember — under promise. Over deliver. It's the key to success."



Ryan Jobling received his diploma from his father, Doug Jobling of the SBDC

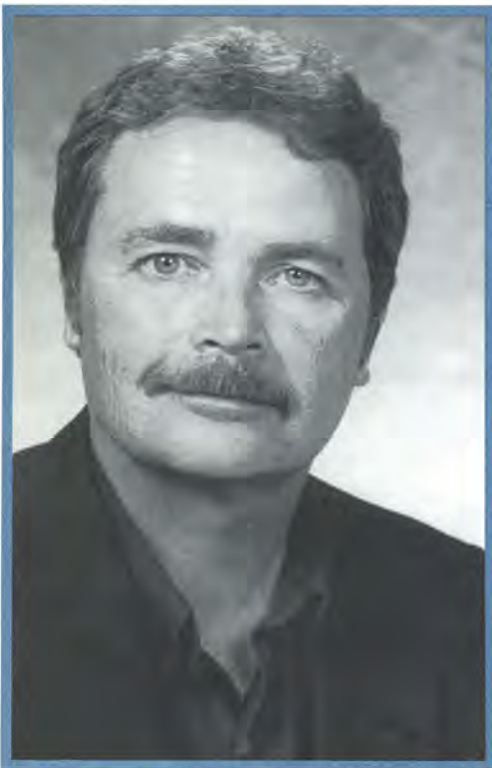
Diversity Council moves forward

The summer will be a busy time for members of the Diversity Council as they continue their work on defined goals and an action plan for diversity efforts to be introduced in the fall. It is an effort that requires a great deal of input and a broad understanding of the complexities of this issue.

The full council determined that it was important to designate specific sub-groups to focus on particular issues and then report back to the council. The student life/environment subcommittee is reviewing the resources and activities that support diversity and build a sense of community at Bryant. The management/organizational practices subcommittee is assessing all college policies and practices to identify and build on those that support and encourage diversity. The faculty subcommittee is identifying strategies related to faculty recruitment, retention, and curriculum. The council will also host a community discussion to gain insights from other interested members within the Bryant community.

"We want to provide an opportunity for all to voice their opinions and ideas," states Linda Lulli, assistant vice president for human resources and staff facilitator of the council. "The full council will take time in July to review the information from the community and the work of the subcommittees. Then we can brainstorm about how we can encourage shared responsibility to integrate diversity efforts into the fabric of the organization."

Bryant's Tom Chandler named Rhode Island Poet Laureate



Bryant creative writing Professor Tom Chandler has been appointed Rhode Island Poet Laureate for a five-year term that began in April 2000. According to the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts, his duties will include providing "vital and visible testimony to the fact that Rhode Island values literary excellence and wishes to promote in this and various other ways a wider and deeper understanding of the literary arts."

Chandler is a writing fellow at Yaddo in Saratoga Springs, New York, the oldest and most prestigious arts colony in the country. He has been published in 60 literary journals, including *Poetry*, *Boulevard*, and *Ontario Review*. His third collection is titled *Wingbones*. He was the 1998 Phi Beta Kappa Poet at Brown University and won the Galway Kinnell Poetry Prize in 1993.

Kudos to faculty

Each year, members of the Bryant faculty are recognized for their contributions to our academic environment. At the final faculty meeting of this academic year, the following people received awards:

Lori Ann Coakley

Assistant Professor, Management
Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching

Kevin Pearce

Assistant Professor, Communication
Outstanding Service

Frank Bingham

Professor, Marketing
Research and Publication

Charles Quigley

Professor, Marketing
Research and Publication

Hakan Saraoglu

Assistant Professor, Finance
Excellence in Graduate Teaching

The Bryant Faculty Federation also presented its Distinguished Faculty Award to **Robert Behling**, a retiring professor from Computer Information Systems.

Showing their spirit

The Spirit Awards are given annually to employees who go above and beyond the call of duty and make their presence felt in the Bryant community. The 2000 Spirit Award recipients were honored at the Service Awards reception in May along with retirees and long-term employees.

While V.P. for Student Affairs Tom Eakin is relatively new to Bryant, his impact has been felt since day one. He is a fixture at campus events and can often be found eating in the dining hall with students or dropping in on dorms to hear students' views. Eakin works long hours with endless energy to promote the sense of community so vital to campus life. He is quick to remind all on the Bryant campus that "we are here for students," a philosophy he practices in his daily life.

Jonathan Shelton is a bridge builder and change agent whose role on campus goes far beyond his duties as assistant football coach. He serves on the Diversity Council and Bridges Across Campus program. He brought the White Ribbon campaign, a male-driven nationwide program working to fight violence against women, to Bryant. As chair of this year's Multicultural Student Union's Extravaganza Night, the closing event of Black History Month, Shelton once again demonstrated his devotion to diversity initiatives on campus.

Father Joe Pescatello, known around campus as "Father Joe," was described as "a guide and a vehicle for understanding how to actualize the college mission and motivate the community to grow, explore, accept, and change." Father Joe's peacefulness and sense of humor have been a beacon not only for students, but faculty and staff as well. He and his contagious smile are a regular presence at both on and off campus events.



That's the spirit! (L-R) Fr. Joe Pescatello, Tom Eakin, and Jonathan Shelton, Spirit Award winners, will be honored on plaques in the Unistructure lobby until next May.



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Alumni Association

Alumni Association gets new logo

The logo pictured is the new visual identity for the Alumni Association, created with input from members of the National Alumni Association Council. It represents an image that all Bryant alumni — from the Providence campus as well as the present location in Smithfield — can relate to.

The Alumni Association decided to develop a logo that would unify its members and position the group to have a more active voice in determining the college's direction.

Reunion 2000

Bryant alumni kicked off the century in style at this year's Reunion, held on Saturday, June 3rd. Over 500 graduates, their partners, spouses, and children, gathered on a gorgeous spring day to reminisce, reacquaint, and relax. Reunion class dinners and gatherings both on and off campus allowed for deep connections to be rekindled. Campus tours enabled alums to view any changes to the campus since their graduation and to learn about exciting expansion plans. A class picnic included pony rides, face painting, a petting zoo, and musical entertainment for children as well as the first-ever Alumni Antique and Classic Car Show. President Ron Machtley and his wife, Kati, presented this year's Alumni Award recipients at the annual awards presentation from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. This year's recipients are listed below. A magical night of dinner and dancing under a tent put the finishing touches on a magical event.

Distinguished Alumnus Award

William J. Conaty '67

Senior Vice President of Corporate Human Resources, General Electric Company

Ernest R. Santos '71

Primary Consultant for Mergers and Acquisitions, Providence Energy Corporation

Distinguished Faculty Award

Elaine Notarantonio '75, Ph.D.

Professor of Marketing

Joseph R. Urgo, Ph.D.

Professor of English

Nelson Galski Service Award

Paul '60 and Ruth '60 (Hettinger) DeLomba

Young Alumni Leadership Award

Jeffrey L. Hedberg '91

Founder and President, Connecticut Financial Insurance Group



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leaders edge

Sheila Guay '83, '86 MBA

Director of Conferences and Special Events

Came to Bryant in 1979 as secretary in the comptroller's office. Became assistant to the comptroller and then business manager of the CMD (now EDC).

During a time when there was a need to increase non-tuition income, recognized the potential afforded by our facilities and was instrumental in the creation of a separate Office of Conferences and Special Events. Became director in 1992.



Most valuable lesson learned at Bryant:

Verify and follow-up on everything.

Favorite professor at Bryant:

Rick Smith in Mathematics. I had a math barrier and he was excellent in letting you see how to apply what you were learning. He really taught me how to learn.

What do you enjoy the most about your job?

The different types of people I get to meet and working with our student conference coordinators.

Most challenging part of your job:

Planning for the unexpected

Motto you live by:

Treat others as you would like to be treated

Your greatest strength:

Intuition

If you could have any talent, what would it be?

A singing voice

If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?

I'd mellow out a little. I tend to be kind of intense.

What do you cherish most in life?

Time with family and friends

Do you have a favorite quote?

"Everything that can be changed will be changed until there's not time left to change anything."

— Anonymous

What advice would you give to today's students?

Work hard and persevere and you can do whatever you set out to accomplish.



right: Dr. Ismaila Diene of Senegal, President Ron M. graduate Assane Diene, and Commencement speaker Wetherell attend the reception for Bryant's newest

below: Eric Huffman, of Virginia, sheds his mortarboard something more comfortable



above: Anna Branco, who is deaf, walks across the stage to receive a Master of Science in Taxation degree. She attended classes with an interpreter.

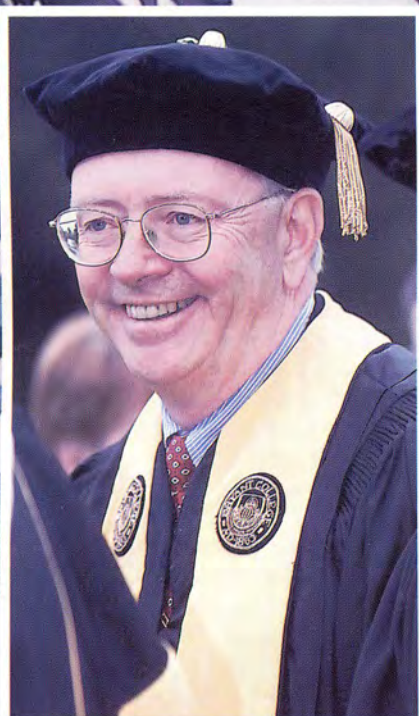
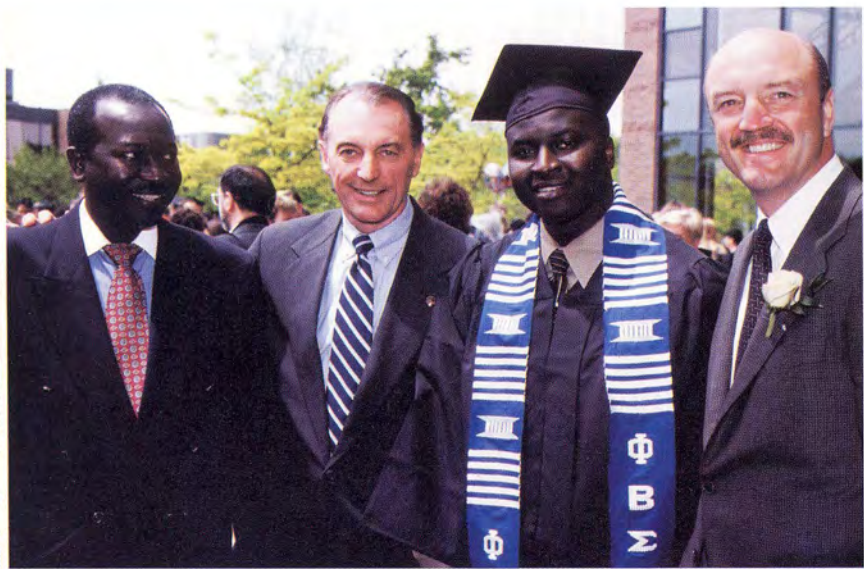


right: Corey Lamirande and John Calcagni receive their ROTC commissions as second lieutenants in the U.S. Army prior to accepting their undergraduate degrees.



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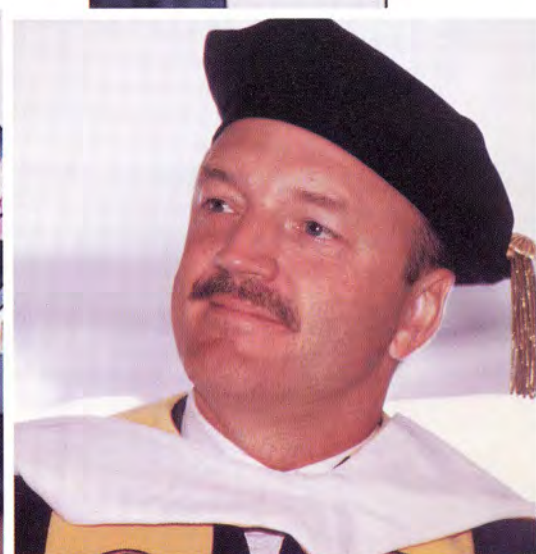


left: Richard Syron, Graduate School Commencement speaker.

right: Raymon Glasford, an applied actuarial mathematics major from Bermuda, stands in the Archway with his parents, Denis and Colleen Glasford.



below: David Wetherell, Undergraduate Commencement speaker.



in the media

Bryant College received a very favorable editorial in *The Providence Journal* on June 9. College **President Ronald K. Machtley** and **Laurie Musgrove**, vice president of Institutional Advancement, had visited with the editorial board in May to talk about the campus expansion project.

The groundbreaking ceremony for the **George E. Bello Center for Information and Technology** received widespread attention. The *Providence Business News* included the architectural rendering and an interview with Mr. Bello and college leaders. Stories and the rendering also appeared in *The Providence Journal* statewide edition, the front page of *The Call*, and *The Observer*. A Letter to the Editor in favor of the project also appeared in *The Providence Journal*. An announcement of the groundbreaking appeared in *USA Today* and the *Fall River Herald News*.

World Trade Day on June 14 received a great deal of media attention. Stories about the program appeared in *The Providence Journal*, *Providence Business News*, *Pawtucket Times*, *The Call*, *The Narragansett Times*, and the *Westerly Sun*. Staff from The John H. Chafee Center for International Business also appeared on WOON-AM in Woonsocket, WBNW-AM in Newton, MA; and WBET-AM in Brockton, MA.

Commencement coverage included stories about the undergraduate ceremony in *The Providence Journal* and *The Observer*, with feature stories about individual Bryant graduates in *The Call*, *Blackstone Valley Tribune*, and the *Pawtucket Times*. There were individual graduate announcements distributed to local newspapers nationwide.

Linda Lulli's appearance at the *Providence Business News* (PBN) Summit 2000 was covered in the May 29 edition of PBN.

The Special Olympics of Northern Rhode Island on May 6 received a photo spread in *The Providence Journal* on May 8 and a positive story prior to the event on May 4.

Stories about **Coach Bob Reall's** retirement after 24 years of service at the college appeared in *The Providence Journal* and *The Call*.

Sports information regarding the various Bryant teams appeared in *The Providence Journal* and *The Call*. Bill Parrillo, a sports columnist for *The Providence Journal*, wrote a very positive story about the **Bryant Bulldogs** baseball team on May 5. **Scott Paltos**, the starting fullback on the football team received coverage on his contract with the New York Giants.

A photo spread appeared in *The Call* about the **Senior Prom** that is hosted by Bryant College students for elders in the region.

There was a series of stories in *The Providence Journal* about the **Third Annual Design & Business Conference** on April 27. *Providence Business News* also did a feature story.

Guests to our campus this summer

The following list of outside groups that will be using our campus this summer was provided by the Office of Conferences and Special Events. Please help make our visitors feel welcome.

June 6-9	New England Gas Association . .	600
June 23-24	INROADS	200
July 6-7	Jostens Yearbook Conference . .	300
July 8-12	Field Hockey	100
July 13-16	MA Centers	900
July 15-30	Language Camp	650
July 16-19	Youth to Youth	325
July 22-Aug. 21 . .	New England Patriots	150
July 23-27	MADD	125
July 27-Aug. 2 . .	Antique Jewelry & Gemstone . .	300
Aug. 5-10	NE Yearly Meeting	600
Aug. 10-13	A Better Chance	200
Aug. 11-15	Point Guard Basketball Camp . .	110

Total Guests **4,560**

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Harbour, Vachon named top athletes



Sophomore golfer Sean Harbour and senior volleyball player Meredith Vachon, who led their respective teams to NCAA tournament play, were named Bryant's male and female athletes of the year at the college's annual awards banquet. The awards were the highest honors presented to Bryant student-athletes at the banquet, which recognized the more than 320 members of the college's 18 varsity athletic programs.

Harbour was named Male Athlete of the Year after leading the Bulldog golf team to a 14th straight NCAA tournament appearance and its 16th Northeast-10 Conference championship in the 1999-2000 season. He won the Northeast-10 individual championship with a two-round total of 143

and registered five top-three finishes. In addition to his conference championship, Harbour placed second at the New England Division II championships, the Mike Bello Invitational, and the Le Moyne Spring Invitational and took third at the ECAC Southern Qualifier.

Vachon was named Female Athlete of the Year after leading the Bulldog volleyball team to a 28-12 record and its third NCAA tournament appearance and the second in her four years at Bryant. She was a first team All-Northeast-10 Conference selection and

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Professor Ronald Deluga presented the manuscript "Idealistic and Relativistic Ethical Reasoning in American Presidential Decision-Making" at the Eastern Academy of Management in Danvers, Massachusetts, in May.

Professor Janet Morahan-Martin's article, "The Relationship between Loneliness and Internet Use and Abuse." (1999) appeared in *CyberPsychology and Behavior* 2 (5), 431-440 in February.

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also was named to the American Volleyball Coaches Association All-Northeast Region Team. Vachon led the Northeast-10 in assists per game, was named MVP of the Bryant Halloween Classic tournament, and became just the sixth player in Bryant College history to have won 100 or more matches in a career. She played every game of every match in the last two seasons, a remarkable string of 83 consecutive matches and 299 consecutive games.

"As the medallist at the Northeast-10 Conference championship and the second-place finisher at the New England championship, Sean Harbour quietly joined a long and distinguished list of great Bryant golfers," says director of athletics Dan Gavitt. "Meredith Vachon's individual accomplishments, while outstanding, pale in comparison to her leadership as a captain of an NCAA tournament team that consisted predominantly of freshmen and sophomores."

Other awards presented at the banquet included the Omar Shareef Spirit Award, given to senior baseball captain Jeff Rausch. The William T. O'Hara Award, given for outstanding leadership qualities, was presented to men's track and field captain Tov Birke-Haueisen and women's soccer captain Andrea Hurley. The Scholar-Athlete Award, presented to the top-graduating male and female student athletes, went to Birke-Haueisen and softball captain Nicole Cormier.

In addition, the department of athletics presented the 12th Man Award, given to non-athletics personnel, to retiring physical plant engineer Ed Richard and project manager Jeff Parker, who oversaw the development of Bryant's new outdoor athletic facilities.

Each varsity coach also presented the Bulldog Award, given to a member of each team in recognition of that individual's contribution to the team and to Bryant athletics.

China Explorers 2000

If you'd like to tag along on a great trip this summer, just click on to

www.bryant.edu/~china

and join Professor Hong Yang and 11 Bryant students — the China Explorers — on their practicum, "Environmental Studies of China."

Their journey began May 23 in Beijing and ended June 13, but the site will remain active throughout

the summer. Each day, the students posted journal entries packed with funny anecdotes and historical, cultural, and environmental information. Photos of the group on their field trips are also included. So log on and share the experience — it's the least expensive trip you'll ever take!



A history making gift from the class of 2000




Being the first class to graduate in the new millennium isn't the only thing to set the class of 2000 apart. It is also the class to pledge the largest class gift in Bryant's long history and the first class to do so over a five-year pledge period. To date, an astounding \$26,795 in cash and pledges has been raised by the class, far exceeding the original goal of \$10,000.

Monies from the class of 2000 gift will go toward a physical contribution in some designated area of the new quadrangle. Specifics will not be determined until after construction has been completed, but members of the class will have the opportunity to vote on their top choice out of three possible options.

Mary Alice Conlon, director of annual giving and advisor to the class, says, "This class has really set the standard for future classes by creating the new tradition of a five-year pledge plan. Theirs was a wonderful, hardworking committee, and most of the money was raised through personal solicitations. We will continue to work with them to increase the fund, which is off to a fabulous start."

Campus construction update

Construction on the \$50 million campus expansion began in June, and is scheduled for completion in December 2001. The significant changes that will take place in June include:

-  Fences will be erected in the parking lots to enclose the construction sites for the George E. Bello Center for Information and Technology and the Wellness Center.
-  Parking will be available in Lot C-3, and extra parking will be added in Lot C-4, near Residence Hall 15, and behind the gym.
-  Unistrucre renovations will start in the pool area. The Admission Office will be temporarily relocated to the second floor of the Bryant Center while their area is remodeled.

just in time

- June 22-23** Orientation Session I
- June 26-27** Orientation Session II
- June 28** Undergraduate summer session ends
- June 29-30** Orientation Session III
- July 4** Independence Day
- July 18** Evening classes end
- Aug 14** Graduate summer session ends

New Faces



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Development Office

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Campus expansion

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The George E. Bello Center for Information and Technology, which will be completed by the end of 2001, will house the college's library, a cybercafé, a grand hall with a media wall, study rooms, and classrooms with comprehensive computer capabilities.

The 71,000 square-foot building will be the cornerstone of the campus expansion project, which also includes a 31,000 square-foot Wellness Center and a campus quadrangle. The structures are designed to blend with the current facilities on campus.

"Bryant College prepared me to make positive contributions in the business world," Bello says. "And with this donation, I am hoping to enable Bryant College students in the 21st century to do the same. This center should help students achieve their personal best here and after graduation."



Groundbreaking Celebration: (l-r) Charles Gwathmey, architect; Thomas Eakin, Student Affairs; Ronald Machtley, president; Carol Lee Bello, George Bello, donors; Jack Callahan, chair of board.

"George Bello has been a leader at Bryant College for many years," said Ronald K. Machtley, president of Bryant College. "He appreciates the academic excellence of our college, and, through this very generous gift, is helping us prepare the next generation of business leaders. That is why we are naming the center in his honor."

Mr. Bello is the executive vice president and controller of Reliance Group Holdings, Inc., in New York City.



A Proud Moment:

Georgia Nassikas and Mrs. Virginia Chafee, the late Senator's daughter and widow, stand with President Ronald Machtley after the unveiling of the new sign dedicating The John H. Chafee Center for International Business.

Chafee Center dedicated

The formal dedication of The John H. Chafee Center for International Business was held on Wednesday, June 14, as part of World Trade Day 2000. The region's leading resource for international trade, the center was named for the late John H. Chafee, U.S. Senator from Rhode Island, in November 1999, a month after his death. Senator Chafee was recognized as a longtime advocate of the benefits of international trade. His widow, Mrs. Virginia Chafee, and daughter Georgia Nassikas, were on campus for the dedication. His son, Senator Lincoln Chafee, delivered remarks through a video conference hook-up.

World Trade Day was hosted by Bryant and the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation through the Partnership for International Trade. This year's theme, "Building Global Markets in the Age of E-Commerce," drew more than 300 area business people. Keynote speaker Stephen Howard, chief executive of Cookson Group, PLC, spoke on "The New Economy for the Manufacturing Sector — Opportunity or Threat."